

dedicated his life to helping others, and who left his mark of generosity on the Tampa Bay community.

After fighting in World War II's Battle of the Bulge as part of the 106th Infantry Division, Herb moved to Tampa. Always a hard worker, with a knack for business, Herb started Southern Mill Creek Products and quickly found success in the agricultural chemicals and equipment manufacturing industry.

Herb was always willing to share his success with others. His employees will remember their boss for his big heart and generous spirit. And members of the Berkeley Preparatory High School football team will remember how Herb always made sure there were summer jobs available for them.

But Herb may be best remembered for the many charitable and cultural organizations that he supported. The members of the Tampa Bay Wheelchair Athletic Association will never forget the year that Herb took 17 wheelchair athletes on a free Las Vegas vacation, or the many other ways that he supported their organization. Nor will the West Tampa Pony League Baseball Team forget the year that Herb donated funds to pay for new uniforms and equipment. These are just a few of the ways that Herb shared his joy for life with those less fortunate.

Herb also served as a board member for the Tampa Philharmonic Orchestra, the University of Tampa Board of Fellows, the Berkeley Preparatory School and Congregation Schaarai Zedek, of which he was a member for 55 years. Herb was also an active member of the Rotary Club of Tampa.

But even with all of these activities, Herb always made time for his family. On behalf of the entire Tampa Bay community, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Herb's beloved wife, Nell, and their four children, who made Herb so proud. Herb always did right by you, and by our entire community. We thank you for sharing his kindness and charity with us all.

THANKING MR. LAURICE WALTON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement in September 2004, we rise to thank Mr. Laurice Walton for 29 years of outstanding service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Laurice began his career at the House working as a Computer Systems Analyst and then was promoted to a Senior Systems Analyst. In that capacity Laurice has served this great institution for the last 29 years as a valuable employee of House Information Resources (HIR) within the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer. During his career, Laurice has made significant contributions to support the tracking of legislation in the House. He developed the Summary of Proceedings and Debate (SOPAD) and the Congressional Budget Office Early Warning systems. SOPAD was eventually replaced by the Legislative Information Management System (LIMS) used by the Office of the Clerk to collect, record and report official legislative infor-

mation on House floor proceedings and the progress of bills through the legislative process. Laurice individually developed the LIMS Reports Due to Congress application. He also produced the quarterly Member Profiles and provided support for the daily operation of LIMS.

Laurice has displayed great passion for his work and dedicated himself to ensuring that the needs of his customer, the Clerk's office of Legislative Computer Systems, are met to its satisfaction.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Laurice for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U. S. House of Representatives. We wish Laurice many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

HONORING THE CITY OF WALLED LAKE

HON. THADDEUS G. MCCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the City of Walled Lake, Michigan on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Founded on December 7, 1954 the beautiful City of Walled Lake is noted for its bustling community of some 7,000 residents enveloped by a country atmosphere. The City of Walled Lake's caring citizens, diligent community leaders, superior schools, vibrant economy, and proud heritage constitute an exceptional civic life for its citizens.

The City of Walled Lake's rich history dates back to 1830, when two men by the names of King and Prentice established a trading post for Native Americans on the lake's eastern shore. Soon, in 1838 a general store to be established here William R. Adams; and in 1834, Ms. Fanny Tuttle taught in the first log cabin school.

The twentieth century saw the city serve as home to the Walled Lake Amusement Park, the abode of the Flying Dragon, the Pretzel, the Tilt-a-Wheel, the Rocket Ride, as well as the Walled Lake Casino where all of the name bands played—Red Nichols and the Dorsey Brothers, Les Brown, Harry James, Vaughn Monroe, Lawrence Welk, and Chuck Berry. Today, the City of Walled Lake has truly created a blend of old time charm with new and continued growth for its residents and its business community.

Mr. Speaker, today I ask you and my esteemed colleagues to please join me in congratulating the citizens of the City of Walled Lake on their very special anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE INTER- NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS COL- LEGE OF THE UNITED STATES

HON. TODD RUSSELL PLATTS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the International Martial Arts College of the United States, founded in Pennsylvania's 19th Congressional District.

The original International Martial Arts College (IMAC) was created in 1993 in St. Petersburg, Russia with a mission of bringing countries together to promote peace and cross cultural exchange through the universal medium of athletics. Over the last 11 years, competitions sponsored by IMAC have grown from several hundred participants to the largest competition in the world.

When IMAC sought a team from the United States, Master Tony Abel of York, Pennsylvania became the coach and team Captain and remains in both capacities today. Recognizing the importance of the United States role as ambassadors, an international tournament was held in York in 1995 and attended by many countries. Master Abel also officially formed a Board of Directors for the United States chapter of IMAC that same year.

To this day, international competition through IMAC continues, benefiting not only the participants but also helping to break down the barriers of culture and language. IMAC anticipates a future role in the Olympics where representatives, including residents of my District, will be able to compete. I wish them well in the years ahead, and I applaud their devotion to their sport and to international goodwill.

IN HONOR OF CAPT. DALE A. LUMME

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to recognize and honor the service and career of Captain Dale A. Lumme as he retires after 24 years of distinguished service in support of our Nation. Throughout his career, Captain Lumme has epitomized the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment, and has displayed exceptional leadership, providing a lasting contribution to the future capability and readiness of the U.S. Navy.

A 1980 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, Captain Lumme first served as an intern in the office of the Chief of Naval Operations. Following this internship, he departed for Pensacola, Florida, where he was selected for flight training. In less than 2 years he was pinned on the coveted Navy Wings of Gold and embarked on a career as a Navy Helicopter Pilot.

In the following 4 years, Captain Lumme was stationed in San Diego, California with the Sea Snakes of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 33, where he made deployments on the USS *Leftwich*, the USS *Robert E. Peary* and the USS *David R. Ray*.

Following these deployments, in 1986, Captain Lumme was chosen as the Flag Lieutenant to Admiral Paul Miller, the Commander of U.S. Seventh Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan. An internship with the Joint Chiefs of Staff followed, and he completed his shore duty with a position in the Office of Legislative Affairs.

By December of 1989, the aviator was ready to get back to sea, and this time with far greater responsibility. Capt. Lumme spent 3 years in San Diego, California, followed by 2 subsequent years in Atsugi, Japan deploying on a variety of Naval Ships as the helicopter detachment Officer in Charge. He divided his

time between the USS *Chosin*, the USS *O'Brien*, the USS *Elliot*, the USS *Curts*, the USS *Bunker Hill*, the USS *Mobile Bay* and the USS *Carl Vinson*.

Capt. Lumme then went back to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in June of 1994 for 3 years with the National Military Command Center. In 1997, he was chosen for squadron command, and he returned to Pensacola for a tour as Executive Officer and then Commanding Officer of Training Squadron SIX. After 3 years, he joined CINCLANTFLEET as Admiral Clark's Executive Assistant and Flag Secretary, followed by the role of Commanding Officer for CLF Shore Activities Staff.

In July of 2000, he became Deputy EA for the Chief of Naval Operations. Capt. Lumme's career culminated with his assignment to the prestigious and rewarding role of the Director of the Navy Liaison Office to the House of Representatives, where his exceptional leadership and skills were invaluable to the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Legislative Affairs.

His steadfast leadership and superb performance have won him numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Meritorious Service Medals, three Joint Service Commendation Medals, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, three Navy Commendation Medals and the Navy Achievement Medal.

Capt. Lumme completes his distinguished and honorable career leaving an impression of his inspiring leadership, a mastery of national defense issues and all-encompassing support for the Navy's combat readiness, programs, and quality of life.

I am pleased to recognize and thank Dale Lumme for his long and dedicated service to this country and join with his friends and colleagues in wishing him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he, his wife Roxanne and their two daughters, Reagan and Lauren leave the Navy after 24 years of remarkable contribution and service.

MAHONING VALLEY SCRAPPERS WIN NY-PENN LEAGUE TITLE

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend special recognition to the Mahoning Valley Scrappers, a Division I-A minor league baseball team located in Niles, Ohio, which won the 2004 New York-Penn League Championship for the first time in its 6-year history.

On Monday September 13, the Scrappers claimed the title after defeating the Tri-City Valley Cats 4-2 in a two-game sweep. The Scrappers finished the year with a 42-34 record, with new manager Mike Sarbaugh at the helm.

The Scrappers, an affiliate of the Cleveland Indians major league baseball franchise, averaged more than 4,100 spectators per game this year, placing the team near the top third in its league for attendance.

I commend the team for its extraordinary achievements and join with my community to thank the players and the organization for bringing America's favorite pastime home to the Mahoning Valley.

INTRODUCING RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT TO INCREASE WORLDWIDE ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, two years ago this month, over 18 nations came together at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg and made a commitment to increase worldwide access to clean water and sanitation.

Today, I introduced a bipartisan resolution to affirm the commitments made by the United States in Johannesburg, recognize efforts made to meet this commitment, and call for a greater effort by the U.S. and all developed nations towards meeting this public health, economic development, and environmental challenge. Original cosponsors of this resolution are CHRISTOPHER SHAYS, GEORGE MILLER, JAMES GREENWOOD, TOM ALLEN and MARK UDALL.

In 2002, 17 percent of the world's population lacked access to safe drinking water and 42 percent had no access to basic sanitation. Between 2 million and 5 million people die each year because of this lack of clean water and sanitation, including 4,000-10,000 children every day.

The resolution is supported by CARE, the Natural Resources Defense Council, MercyCorps, the National Wildlife Federation, Living Water International, and WaterPartners International.

HONORING OLYMPIC ATHLETE RYAN LOCHTE

HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. FEENEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I note the Olympic accomplishments of Ryan Lochte, a constituent of mine from Port Orange, Florida.

For swimmers, the Olympics represent the ultimate contest. No other swimming meet rises to that level of competition. In his first Olympic event, 20-year-old Ryan Lochte earned the gold.

That event was the Men's 4 x 200 meter Freestyle Relay—one of the most exciting finishes in the 2004 Summer Olympics. Here, the underdog American team of Ryan Lochte, Michael Phelps, Peter Vanderkaay, and Klete Keller faced an Australian team that dominated this event for several years.

After Michael Phelps gave the Americans a one-second lead in the first leg, Ryan Lochte and Peter Vanderkaay extended that lead to 1.5 seconds. But Klete Keller faced the Australian legend Ian Thorpe who proceeded to cut into that lead. However, Klete Keller rose to that challenge. As a capacity crowd rose to its feet for the finish, Klete Keller touched the wall 0.13 seconds ahead of the Australian. And Ryan Lochte and his teammates won the gold.

Two days later, Ryan Lochte competed in the Men's 200 meter Individual Medley. He

came out of the final turn fifth in a field of eight. But in those last 50 meters, Ryan—swimming the freestyle, his best stroke—passed three swimmers to capture the silver and turn in his career-best time of 1:58.78.

Two proud and sacrificing parents contributed to Ryan's success. His father—Steven Lochte—is a nationally-recognized swimming coach and coaches the Spruce Creek High School team and the Daytona Beach Speed club team. Mr. Lochte pursues an untraditional coaching style that develops young swimmers at a gradual pace. Thus, his protégés blossom at the critical age of late teens and early 20s and avoid the burnout experienced by many young athletes. Mr. Lochte personally witnessed his son's feats in Athens.

Ryan's mother—Ileana Lochte—taught Ryan how to swim. She's a typical swim team mother who has traveled to hundreds of meets and been her son's biggest cheerleader. Ms. Lochte stayed home when Ryan went to Athens because school had started for Ryan's younger siblings. But she was standing by the pool at the Port Orange YMCA when her cell phone rang with the news of Ryan's gold medal win.

Ryan adds to the Gator legacy while attending the University of Florida and is an 11 time All American swimmer. He has brought much pride to his family, teammates, and his community.

ON RELEASE OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE U.S. COMMISSION ON OCEAN POLICY

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 21, 2004

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, five months ago yesterday, the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy released a Preliminary Report outlining the imperiled state of our oceans. Yesterday, the U.S. Commission moved our country one step closer to being better stewards of our oceans by submitting to the President and to Congress a Final Report on "everything oceans." This comprehensive document makes recommendations on a wide range of topics, from improving governance of ocean resources to promoting greater marine stewardship and education, from recognizing the need to manage the oceans on an ecosystem basis to suggesting greater exploration of unknown areas of the sea, from discussing reform of fisheries management to arguing for increases in our marine science research budget, and from speaking to the connections between coastal land uses and the oceans to implementing an integrated ocean observation system.

Submission of the Final Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy is truly an historic event. It has been more than 30 years since we, as a nation, have evaluated our relationship with the sea. I sincerely hope that our evaluation does not get ignored, but instead serves as a springboard for increased protection of this country's largest public trust resource.

The U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy was mandated by the Oceans Act of 2000, legislation on which I am an original cosponsor and which is based on bills that I initially introduced in 1997 and 1999. In the Oceans Act,